



2004 Legislative Priorities

Replacement of Housing Lost to School Construction

Lead Department: Housing Commission

IGR will explore with the Education System

Background:

- What governmental functions are at issue? District school boards would be authorized to replace housing voluntarily, to make housing development an eligible expenditure for Proposition MM school funds, and would be encouraged to coordinate with local jurisdictions to locate new school sites.
- How are these functions performed? Through the enactment of State legislation, school district board approval, City Council ordinance, and community group outreach and participation.
- Why is legislation required? New school construction often results in demolition of valuable affordable housing resources, especially in highly urban areas. Proposed legislation would support policies to encourage the replacement of housing that is demolished to make way for the construction of new schools, particularly in highly urbanized areas where the loss of housing severely impacts those in the low- to moderate-income groups.
- How would the proposal permit the City to perform more effectively? By empowering the school districts to voluntarily replace and develop housing with Proposition MM funds, the City's fiscal responsibility for housing construction projects may be diminished thereby shifting scarce resources to other City functions and services.

Proposal

- Specify what sections of state law require amendment – None yet identified.
- Provide specific amendment language you seek – Not applicable.

Strategy

- List likely supporters – The Big 10 California Cities
- List likely opponents – None yet anticipated.
- List possible Sponsors – Not yet identified.